The Key

<u>Notice</u>:

The following message is given to you strictly for your thoughtful consideration and is not for the promotion of any Religious organisation, business or personal enterprise.

When Jesus Christ walked this earth, His whole life was an example of love, honesty and compassion. When people were hungry He fed them, when they were sick He healed them. And He did not condemn those who repented of breaking God's law, but freely forgave them.

The Sacred Scriptures reveal that Jesus Christ came to demonstrate the Love our Creator would want for us. This showed that God *does* care for us, and desires that we draw near to Him. See below: John 3:16 & 4:23

But He is not someone who would just give us whatever we want, *but what we would need*. So He went to great lengths to establish the Way by which we could enter a new relationship based on Love, not just Laws.

Divine Law - Its Purpose

I might ask:

"*Well, why the Ten Commandments*?"

The reason for the Law was to establish the boundaries of truth and error. And naturally, The Creator being perfect can only give perfect laws. The problem with this is that Divine Law is perfect but I am not. I may have good intentions but my nature is flawed. So as far as the Law is concerned I'd be perpetually found guilty!

Although Divine Law is good, it actually ends up magnifying my errors! So what was its purpose? It was to help me recognise that unless God intervened on my behalf, it would be a hopeless situation. I would need The Messiah (The Saviour), *and* a new nature. So that Grace would rule over my life and not sin.

see below: Romans 3:19-26, 5:20-21

As young children, the rules our parents or guardians laid down sometimes seemed far too strict and didn't make any sense. It's only when we were older that we began to understand reasons for them and to see their value. This may not have been your own experience but bear with me for the moment, the point of all

this is that the object of concern was us, not merely the rules themselves.

An example of this is when Jesus said to the false teachers,
" *The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath day*".

See below: Mark 2:27-28 Note: Sabbath means "rest"

What kind of relationship would you have if it was based merely on meeting regulations? Would that encourage a *real* love? So the Creator provided freedom for us to choose, so that we could participate (be involved) in the relationship.
This freedom however, can be abused and accounts for the horror throughout the ages. And so, mankind's corrupt nature and self-serving motives result in evil, deception,* exploitation and wars.

See below: * Matthew 7:15, 24:4-5, 9-12 1John 5:20-21

The Holy Scriptures speak of those who are in direct opposition to their Creator: "*But he that sins against me wrongs his own soul: <u>all they that hate me love death</u>.*" Proverbs 8:36

Love & The Royal Law

On the other hand a relationship guided by *true* Love (The Royal Law[1]) exhibits true reverence for God and care of all of His creation. It encourages growth, maturity and strength of character; it does not exploit you. Its source is Divine and therefore cultivates such things as: honesty, compassion, responsibility and forgiveness.

See below: [1] James 2:8 & Matthew 22:37-40

This was the reason why Christ was so merciful and forgiving. He was the physical demonstration of God's love. And he was prepared to pay the ultimate price. See below: John 3:16

So as predicted by the prophets, Christ gave Himself as the final sacrifice to meet the requirements (ie pay the penalty) of the law on behalf of everyone who would believe.

See below: Isaiah 53

Not only did He die, but on the third day He rose from the grave, proving His claim to be the true Messiah - the Door through which we can receive forgiveness and peace with God, *as a **free gift***!

This means that those who turn from willful independence and call upon God, genuinely grieved by their errors (sins), and who put their faith and loyalty in Jesus Christ alone, are then Justified and are given a new nature (a spiritual rebirth).

See below: Romans 5:1-2 & 1Peter 1:23

Jesus said:

"*Truly, truly, I say unto you, He that hears My word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life*".

See below: John 5:24 Romans 5:9, 8:1 Matthew 11:28-30

When people asked "*what shall we do*?" The apostle Peter said to them, "*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward* [crooked/perverse] *generation*."

Acts 2:37-40

Study God's Word for yourself – Read a faithful translation of the Holy Bible that follows the Historic Traditional Text such as the KJV.
Start by reading the Gospel of John, Luke and Romans in the Bible.

A free .pdf copy of the Gospel of John & Romans is available at:

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For helpful and encouraging messages we recommend:

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John 3:16-17
16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 4:23
23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

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Romans 3:19-26
19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law

there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation[1] through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past[2], through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

[1] The wrath-ending Sacrifice that satisfies God's righteous anger.

[2] As under the previous covenant/dispensation or outside of grace. cf. Acts 17:30

Romans 5:20-21

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Mark 2:27-28

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: 28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Matthew 7:15

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves

Matthew 24:4-5

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:9-12

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

1John 5:20-21

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

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James 2:8

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Matthew 22:37-40

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Isaiah 53

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see

him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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Romans 5:1-2
1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1Peter 1:23
23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

John 5:24
24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Romans 5:9
9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 8:1
1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Matthew 11:28-30
28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.